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Subject: FW: Johnsburg Farm

Good Afternoon Susanne:


I've been out of the office for several weeks to address a family matter and am finally back in the enforcement saddle.

I spotted an August 2nd email from a Special Agent with EPA-Criminal Investigations that indicated a drift complaint.

Has IDA also received this citizen complaint. If not, then you folks may want to log this one in as there may have been the potential for children playing in the vicinity to have been exposed to a herbicide application by a grower.

Thank you,

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Hi Dave –

I just wanted to give you a heads up on some information we received from our Tip line regarding a FIFRA related complaint in Johnsburg, IL. Based on the information received from the responding agents, we are closing our lead and will not take any additional action at this time. Providing this information as a FYI in the event you also received this information, but please feel free to take any additional action you feel appropriate.

Information Received

The farm next to our subdivision has been spraying more & more chemicals on their field over the course of several years. We receive NO notification when they will be spraying or what. Today the truck came through approximately 15 ft

from several children playing leaving them in a cloud of chemicals. Our family has been coming down with all sorts of food intolerances and allergies which we are beginning to believe are related to these chemicals.

Location

Johnsburg Farm
Red Oak Ln & Country Spring
Johnsburg, IL

Complainant

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Action Taken

EPA-CID agents spoke with the complainant and the farmer who was spraying the field. Farmer stated it was Roundup that he was spraying to kill weeds.

Regards, Brad

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